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SUBJECT: MALIK DEFENDS FOREIGN POLICY

IN SPEECH JAN. 30 BEFORE INDONESIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION (PWI) FONMIN ADAM MALIK VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED GOI FOREIGN POLICY, ANSWERING SPECIFIC CHARGES IN B.M. DIAH MERDEKA ARTICLES TWO WEEKS AGO THAT POLICY WAS FAILURE. SITTING NEXT TO DIAH ON DIAS, MALIK SAID THERE WAS NO PERSONAL DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM BUT MERELY A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON WHAT GOI POLICY SHOULD BE. HE READ BLAND PREPARED STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY, THEN LAUNCHED INTO HOUR-LONG AD LIB DEFENSE OF POLICIES CRITICIZED BY DIAH. MALIK STUCK TO PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND SURFACED NO NEW APPROACHES OR EXPLANATIONS, CAUSING MOST REPORTERS PRESENT TO TAKE HO-HUM LINE ON SPEECH. SPEECH GOT HEADLINES IN NEXT DAY'S PAPERS BUT EVERY ONE FOCUSED ON DIFFERENT TOPIC, ILLUSTRATING LACK

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OF HARD NEWS CONTENT. IN REFERENCE TO US, MALIK POINTED

OUT UN VOTING BASED ON NATIONAL INTERESTS AND US VOTED
FOR TIMOR RESOLUTION BECAUSE PORTUGAL IS FELLOW NATO
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